



State of California  
The Resources Agency  
Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	Cold Springs COM/FLS – Soils and Structure Analysis		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	CAL FIRE's Cold Springs Lookout Signal Ridge Road at MP 4.10 Portion of Sec 4, T13N, R15W, MDM	<b>COUNTY</b>	Mendocino
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project involves the relocation of the state's microwave service and will require an antenna replacement. A tower structure analysis is required. T-Mobile is conducting this project upon approval by CAL FIRE. A core sampling of the soil adjacent to the tower foundation is required as part of the structural analysis. The proposed activity at the project location will include a 25-foot deep core sample, 3 inches in diameter, taken with small equipment mounted on a pick-up truck at a disturbed location near the lookout tower. The project is likely to be completed soon after approval is obtained from CAL FIRE.

### EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption      Type/Section: Class 1 §15301 Minor Alteration of Existing Public Facilities  
Class 4 §15304 Minor Alterations to Land
- ☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- ☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

### REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits within the above-listed Categorical Exemptions defined in the CEQA Guidelines which pertain to minor alterations to land and minor alterations to existing public facilities. CAL FIRE has determined that no unusual conditions exist which would preclude the use of a Categorical Exemption, and that no environmental impacts will occur.

### DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING

  
William E. Snyder, Deputy Director      10/22/09  
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